

Among the Churches

Report of Pennsylvania State Evangelist

According to promise I visited the Calvary mission N. J. about April 1. I am glad to report, the church is moving along nicely in all the departments of work. The prayer meeting was well attended and old and young took part in the service.

Our visit was more particularly to carry out plans previously made in securing material and funds with which to build horse-sheds, one of the indispensable things in the east, then to assist in securing funds sufficient to carry on the work for this year. We succeeded even beyond expectations. When we took the mission, its few members were discouraged and there were some debts to pay for fund consumed the year before. We left them as has been reported from there with \$100 in bank, a little in the treasury and most of the funds secured for the pastor for this ecclesiastical year. The prospect for that point is bright as we look at it now, and under the leadership of their pastor, Brother Bowman, we predict much good done in the name of the Master.

I had the pleasure of meeting the good people of Sergeantsville in one service and broke the bread of life to them.

I want to thank these points for their kindness while on this trip, and for the substantial presents received from them, especially do I appreciate the handsome office chair they sent me since I returned home. May the Lord bless the donors.

I baptized two at McVeytown since our last report. Will baptize more soon. Expect to begin a meeting in one of the wards of Johnstown on the 20th of May.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH AND APRIL, 1902

March

Received from McAlisterville	\$1 25
" " McVeytown	5 50
" " Mission board	43 64

Total \$50 39

Car fare	\$1 54
Service	50 00

Total \$51 54

April

Received from McVeytown	\$6 50
" " Blacklog	25
" " McAlisterville	1 00
" " Mission board	44 62

Total \$52 37

Car fare	\$1 22
Service	51 15

Total \$52 37

E. H. SMITH.

Miamisburg Echoes

The work at Miamisburg is encouraging. Since the last report from this place, five have been baptized and have been received into the church. The audiences at preaching services are very good. Our Sabbath school is taking on new life since pleasant weather has come. Our Sister's Society is wide awake and is doing excellent work. A carpet will be put in the church soon, nearly the entire cost of which will be met by the Sisters. We could not get along without our Society.

I cannot, at this time, refrain from commending the members of this church. To say the least, they are a generous, kind hearted people. They are always ready to do, and glad to give. Saturday night brought a most pleasant experience to the writer. Nearly the entire body of members, with their friends, gathered at the home of their pastor. After several hours, made pleasant by social en-

joyment, refreshment, and music and singing, the writer was handed an envelope the contents of which would make most any preacher's eyes sparkle. The receiver of this gift can only manifest his appreciation by pouring out upon this people his most earnest service. May the blessing of God rest upon them.

Farmersville:—We are somewhat encouraged with the outlook at this place. We are impressed that if this field were to receive careful attention and plenty of hard work, there might yet be a strong church established here. Audiences are splendid.

WM. BEACHLER.

Bethel—Mulvane, Kans.

A report from this place may be of interest to some. We are still alive and working for the Master.

Our one week's evangelistic services is passed, the services were well attended and all seemed to enjoy themselves. The immediate result was seven accessions, five by baptism and two by relation.

Baptismal services were held Saturday afternoon May 3rd, Confirmation, and Love Feast services in the evening, a beautiful example indeed, and the most enjoyable feast that has been held here for years. There were twenty communicants. We are sure that others are almost persuaded to yield to the Blessed Christ. We hope and pray that they may be fully persuaded to arise and claim the liberty that is in Christ. Brethren—pray for the work at this place.

ANNA WOOD.

Trans Missouri Flashes

This world is unable to satisfy the longings of human nature.

Friendship begets friendship. Truth begets truth. Love begets love.

Many earthly homes supplied with all the luxuries and material comforts earth affords are but *fac similes* of hell.

The Log Cabin or sod hut is heaven on earth when love dwells there.

Character is more heavy than reputation.

Bible spirituality will give a church greater power than all the intellectual, social and Theological culture combined. Test the matter O ye churches.

Big gatherings are all right when prompted by right motives. Otherwise they are destructive weaklings.

It is better to be right and unpopular than wrong and popular.

Schemers may succeed in politics and business but God has no use for them in his church.

Which am I, Pessimist or Optimist? I believe that sin is just as black, desperate and rampant as it ever was only operating under different forms and methods. I also most firmly believe that God in his own way and in his own time will vindicate his truth, power and promises to the utter discomfiture of the devil and his schemes. Submitted to brother A. D. Gnagey.

How a little word may change the meaning. In I Peter 5:8 we read "The devil as a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may devour." How much easier it would be for us to watch if the devil instead of walking about as a roaring lion would approach us roaring as a lion. The lion lies quietly in ambush waiting for his preys' unguarded moment. "What I say unto you I say unto all, watch." Watch as for life.

We can speak the praise of men into the public ear. Why not speak the praise of God in like manner. Say brother, what is the matter with you along this line?

We can approach our fellow-men and ask for favors. Why not approach God as easily? He is more generous, more kind, more liberal and more easily approached than men. Say brother why is it that we can ask each other more freely than our dear, kind and loving heavenly father? "Ask and it shall be given you."

Some men are great physical heroes but equally great cowards morally. Some are the exact opposite. We thank God for the latter.

Kansas of late is like some pulpits. More wind and drouth than anything else. Being somewhat optimistically inclined we look for a refreshing, calm and fruitful change soon.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Morrill, Kan.

Philadelphia, Pa.

We are happy to say that we reached the high water mark in attendance in our Mission last night. We had also more unconverted present than any time since the Mission opened. We are sowing seed which we feel sure will produce fruit after many days.

I will give you another example of how we get people interested in the Mission. About six weeks ago a man made one fatal mistake by spending some Insurance money. He was hard pressed for money and spent a considerable sum expecting to be able to get it back when settlement had to be made. But failing in this without saying a word to his wife he left home fearing that he would be locked up. He wandered to New York City where he had an only uncle in America. He told his pitiful tale of sorrow and sin. He told his uncle that as it was the first great blunder of his life he could not even face his wife and tell her the facts but fearing imprisonment he left home. His uncle, the only relative in America, was stern and exacting, but the thought of the innocent wife and four little children being left helpless touched his heart. He told him that he would give his check to the company for \$30 and would pay his board in a New York Mission until he could adjust the matter with the Company. He remained at the Mission for several weeks, and wrote and told his wife all about his trouble. He could not stay away from home longer, so he walked most of the way back and when he came home, he learned that a neighbor had brought two boarders for her. Sister Detwiler got her some sewing, from which she made several dollars a week. He remained hidden away in the house for several weeks fearing the officers. His uncle sent the wife \$5. She saved every cent of that and taking the check for the \$30 with the five, she went to the Insurance Company and wouldn't leave until they agreed to take that in settlement for the \$41 as it was every cent that they could raise. The Company agreed that they would give him no more trouble but would give him time to get work and pay the remaining \$6.

He said to me: "Mr Bowman, if ever a man has been punished for his sin I have been. My rent is due in two weeks and the trouble is I can't get any recommend now to get work. I am willing to work at anything and at any price to get a start again to keep my wife and little ones from starvation."

Thru one of our mission workers, we reached the ear of a floor-walker in Wanamaker's store, we received a note from him to a more influential man and from him we received a note to one of the head men who gave him a night job at \$8 a week. He went to work that night at 9 P. M. and has been working ever since. With tears in their eyes, that true wife and penitent husband, thanked us for getting him work and enabling them to keep their home together. Tho she is a member of the Lutheran church she dressed her three little ones last Sunday and he brought them down to Sunday school for the first time. He says now that they will come to your Sunday school. Last night the wife came to the mission and with tears in her